MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference

held with

Hodges Chapel Church, Harnett County, N. C.

November 25, 26, 27, 1915

C. A. JACKSON, Moderator.....Dunn, N. C.
NATHAN BAREFOOT, Treasurer....R. No. 2, B. 95, Dunn, N. C.
J. R. STRICKLAND, Jr., Secretary.....R. No. 3, Benson, N. C.

The next Annual Session will be held with Free Chapel, Wayne County, N. C., Thursday before the Third Sunday in November, 1916, at 11:00 A. M. All delegates and Elders will be met at Goldsboro, N. C.

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Review Print, Benson, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Obituary—H. H. Goff, J. A. Blaylock, C. S. Johnson.

On Temperance—H. H. Goff, W. B. Strickland, W. P. Collier.

Deportment and Work of the Ministry—W. P. Collier, A. W. Gregory, J. L. Alphil, H. N. Jernigan, R. H. Allen.

On Education—J. Ruffin Johnson, H. W. Jernigan, J. A. Blaylock, C. A. Jackson, H. H. Goff.

Mission Board—N. H. Pope, J. Ruffin Johnson, C. A. Jackson, H. B. Ryals.

Ordaining Council—J. Ruffin Johnson, C. A. Jackson, J. A. Blaylock.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Blaylock, J. A., Dunn, N. C.; Butler, J. D.; Butler, A. J.; Baker, G. E.; Goff, H. H., Falcon, N. C.; Hare, W. B., Duke, N. C.; Jernigan, H. W., Dunn, N. C.; Jernigan, W. J., Cooper, N. C.; Johnson, J. Ruffin, Four Oaks, N. C.; Johnson, C. S., Benson, N. C.; Jackson, C. A., Dunn N. C.; Lee, Lunda, Dunn, N. C.; Lee, L. P., Dunn, N. C.; Pope, G. A., Dunn, N. C.; Pope, Hannibal, Dunn, N. C.; Strickland, Robert, Four Oaks, N. C.; Strickland, W. B., Dunn, N. C.; Summerlin, H. J., Dunn, N. C.; Smith, J. A., Route No. 1, Saulston, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Ransom Wilkins, R. H. Allen, W. A. Lee, L. B. Barbour, J. B. R. Jernigan, E. A. Killett (by proxy), J. J. Young, G. J. Ginn, J. R. Vann, N. H. Pope, J. D. Avery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Enrolment of those entitled to membership.
3. Organization.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Brethren.
7. Reports from the Churches.
8. Reports from the Committees.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Adjournment.

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PROCEEDINGS

Hodges Chapel, Harnett County.

The Sixty-first Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free-will Baptist Conference convened with the above-named church November 25, 1915. Elder C. A. Jackson, who was elected at the last Conference to preach the introductory sermon, was present and preached from Psalms, 133 chapter and the first verse: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

After the sermon one hour was given for dinner.

Then at 1:45 P. M. Conference reassembled for business. Prayer by Elder J. A. Blaylock. Then the roll was called and the following were enrolled:

C. A. Jackson, Moderator.

Nathan Barefoot, Treasurer.

P. H. Highsmith, Secretary (pro tem).

MINISTERS.

J. A. Blaylock, J. D. Butler, H. H. Goff, W. B. Hare, H. W. Jernigan, C. S. Johnson, C. A. Jackson, G. A. Pope, Hannibal Pope, W. B. Strickland, H. J. Summerlin, J. A. Smith (by letter).

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Ransom Wilkins, R. H. Allen, W. A. Lee, L. B. Barbour, A. J. Butler, J. B. R. Jernigan, G. E. Baker, E. A. Killett (by proxy).

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Obituary—J. A. Blaylock, C. S. Johnson.

On Temperance—W. B. Strickland.

Deportment and Work of the Ministry—J. L. Alphin, N. B. Norris.

On Education—J. A. Blaylock, C. A. Jackson, H. W. Jernigan.

Mission Board—C. A. Jackson, H. B. Ryals.

Ordaining Council—J. A. Blaylock, C. A. Jackson.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

Beasley's Grove—J. I. Raynor, G. T. Capps, W. B. Tart.

Collier's Chapel—E. W. Eason, H. E. Raynor.

Dunn—Mrs. Edith Pope.

Erwin's Chapel—J. L. Byrd, W. R. Avery.

Free Chapel—R. L. Alphin.

Hodge's Chapel—J. B. R. Jernigan, J. G. Moore.

Johnson's Chapel—Delma Hardee, Ira Allen.

Long Branch—E. S. Jackson, John Tart, J. C. Pope.

Lee's Grove—W. P. Griffin, Carl R. Hodges, F. M. Butler.

Mount Zion—Matilda Hare.

New Hope—J. B. Allen, G. R. Blackman.

New Zealand—W. J. Johnson, M. F. Blackman.

Owen's Grove—N. W. Jackson, J. E. Tew.

Pleasant Grove—N. B. Norris, E. V. Bedsoe.

Piney Grove—W. A. Baker.

Plainview—P. H. Highsmith.

Red Hill—John Norris, J. E. Norris.

Stoney Run—J. B. Barefoot, J. B. Weeks, A. A. Jernigan.

Savannah Hill—J. F. Core, J. D. Barefoot.

Tea's Chapel—J. N. Royal.

Wright's Chapel—By Letter.

Williams' Grove—J. P. Gardiner, Texie Gardiner.

Woods' Grove—J. W. Roberts, L. G. Taylor, Henry Vinson.

Yelverton's Grove—By Letter.

The Moderator calls to his assistance H. W. Jernigan and the Clerk to his assistance S. G. West.

Then the Moderator was empowered to appoint the following committees:

On Religious Exercise—J. B. R. Jernigan, J. G. Moore, Delma Hardee.

On Finance—J. B. Barefoot, J. E. Tew, A. A. Jernigan.

On Boundaries—W. P. Griffin, John Tart, J. C. Pope.

Then the delegates from the Wilmington Conference were enrolled and the hand of fellowship given O. B. Garris, J. R. Parker, C. L. Cook.

Visiting Elders from the Wilmington Conference—E. L. Parker, W. D. Beckom.

Then the Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach at Benson: H. H. Goff, open; E. L. Parker, to preach at the Chapel; L. B. Barbour, open, and W. B. Hare to preach at 7:30, by the committee.

By motion the Moderator is empowered to appoint a committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Lemuel Hardee, and Bro. J. B. Allen is appointed to fill the place. By motion the Moderator is empowered to appoint a committee on the Deportment and Word of the Ministry. Vacancy caused by the transfer of Brother R. H. Allen, and Brother N. B. Norris was appointed to fill the vacancy. Resignation of J. L. Alphin not accepted.

At 4 P. M. Conference adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M. tomorrow. Prayer by Elder O. B. Garris.

Second Day.

Conference reassembled according to adjournment. Devotional exercise conducted by the Moderator, by reading the 37th Psalms. Prayer by Elder H. H. Goff.

Roll was called and the absentees marked. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved. Enrollment of those entitled to membership and not present yesterday as follows: Elders J. Ruffin Johnson, Robert Strickland; Licentiates J. J. Young, G. J. Ginn, J. R. Vann, N. H. Pope, J. D. Avery.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Anderson's Creek—By Letter.
Erwin's Chapel—J. E. Byrd.
Fort Run—E. H. Suggs, J. T. Carter, J. P. Howell.
Hodges' Chapel—H. C. Ivey.
Pleasant Grove—P. S. Wood.
Savannah Hill—D. A. Blackman.
Tea's Chapel—Dora Royal.

Elder W. L. Hart, visiting brother from the Central Conference, enrolled and the hand of fellowship extended.

Remarks by Bro. J. R. Parker and others in regard to mission; also the returns of Brother and Sister G. M. Kelly, our missionaries in China. Then a collection was taken for them and $16.35 was received. Then 10 minutes recess was taken and at 11:30 Elder C. S. Johnson, who was elected at the last Conference to preach a doctrinal sermon, was present and preached from John 7:10.

The spirit was greatly manifested and it was a great feast to the soul.

At 1 P. M. one hour was given for dinner.

Afternoon—Second Day.

Conference reassembled at 2:00 P. M.
Song and prayer service.

The Committee on Religious Exercise reports as follows: To open, J. J. Young, and to preach, W. D. Beckom, at the stand at 2:30 P. M. To open at Hodges' Chapel tonight at 7:30, G. J. Ginn and Elder W. B. Strickland to preach; at Benson tonight at 7:30, to open, J. D. Butler and H. H. Goff to preach.

Then a resolution was offered by Brother J. E. Tew as follows:

Resolve, that this Conference request each minister to preach one sermon every year to each church he pastors on

the following subjects: Tithing (giving the tenth), Missions (home and foreign), Temperance, The F. W. B. doctrine and Christian Education.

The above resolution was tabled.

Then Brother R. H. Allen was granted permission to sit with the Ministerial Board.

The Finance Committee reports as follows:

We find in the treasury from last year	$ 8.01
For Minutes this year	24.85
Home Missions	2.00
Foreign missions	11.50
Total in the treasury	$46.36

J. E. Tew,
J. B. Barefoot,
A. A. Jernigan,
Committee.

By motion this Conference empowers the Moderator to appoint a Committee on Resolutions. The Moderator appoints Brothers H. W. Jernigan, Z. E. Byrd and, J. A. Blaylock. They are to allow no resolution to come before this Conference except endorsed by the committee.

Then a collection was taken up for Brother Amos Moore and $7.70 was received.

Petitions for the next annual Conference were received from Colliers' Chapel and Free Chapel, and the vote was taken and Free Chapel gets the next annual Conference, and Elder C. S. Johnson was elected to preach the introductory sermon, and H. W. Jernigan his alternate. Elder J. A. Blaylock was elected to preach the doctrinal sermon; Elder J. Ruffin Johnson his alternate.

Then by motion the Secretary was ordered to have 1,000 copies of these proceedings printed, and send 100 to the Wilmington Conference and distribute the remainder and to draw from the treasurer $10 for his service.

Then some remark was made relative to marking the last resting place of Elder John Moore, and by motion it was laid over until tomorrow.

Then by motion Conference adjourns until 9:30 tomorrow.

Prayer by Elder H. J. Summerlin.

THIRD DAY.

Conference reassembled at 9:30 A. M. according to adjournment. Devotional exercise conducted by Brother G. J. Ginn, by reading 14th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Elder J. A. Blaylock.

Roll was called and fines of 50 cents were collected from absentees.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Then the question in regard to marking the last resting place of Elder John Moore was taken up, and by motion a free-will offering be made and $5.10 was received and turned over to Brother J. M. McLamb to buy the tombstone, then to draw on the home mission funds for the remainder.

Then the Committee on Religious Exercise report as follows: Elder Hannibal Pope to open and Elder Robert Strickland to preach at 11 A. M. today; at 7:30 P. M. Elder H. J. Summerlin to open and Elder J. A. Blaylock to preach, and tomorrow at 11 A. M. Brother R. H. Allen to open and Elder J. Ruffin Johnson to preach.

J. B. R. JERNIGAN,
J. G. MOORE,
DELMA HARDEE,
Committee.

The above report was received and the committee discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

We, the Committee on Boundaries, report as follows: We find that the conduct in our boundaries has been very good, for which we feel very thankful during the sitting of this Conference.

W. P. Griffin,
John Tart.
Committee.

The above report was adopted and the committee discharged.

On motion the Conference instructs the clerks of each church to write the Clerk of the Conference who is their pastor and on what Sunday they have service for the ensuing year, so it can be put in the minutes.

Motion carried.

We, the Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report. We are rejoiced to state that God in His goodness has not seen fit to call any of our ministers from labor to reward during this Conference year.

J. A. Blaylock,
H. H. Goff,
Committee.

We, the Committee on Education, submit the following report: We have the course of study now collected and can soon have it ready for the press, but will have to wait for the twelve sermons on "What we believe and why we believe" to be written, and ask that this body help to select the preachers to do this writing. Submitted,

J. Ruffin Johnson,
J. A. Blalock,
H. H. Goff,
C. A. Jackson,
H. W. Jernigan,
Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Then by motion this body selected the preachers to write those sermons and they select the sermon they wish to write. The body selects: Elders C. S. Johnson, J. A. Blaylock, H. W. Jernigan, J. Ruffin Johnson, C. A. Jackson, G. A. Pope, H. H. Goff, W. B. Strickland, Lunda Lee, W. B. Hare and the preachers chose their subjects as follows:

H. H. Goff—Conviction, Witness of the Spirit.

G. A. Pope—Repentance.

J. Ruffin Johnson—Faith.

C. S. Johnson—Justification.

Lunda Lee—Regeneration.

W. B. Hare—Ordinances.

C. A. Jackson—Santification.

W. B. Strickland—Baptism of the Holy Ghost with Bible Signs.

J. A. Blaylock—Christian Giving.

H. W. Jernigan—Divine Healing.

J. A. Blaylock—Second Coming of Jesus.

We, the Committee on Deportment and Work of the Ministry, beg leave to report that we find nothing derogatory to the deportment of any of the ministers except W. J. Jernigan, L. P. Lee, and Lunda Lee have failed to make any report to this committee.

J. L. Alphin,
R. H. Allen,
N. B. Norris,
Committee.

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Being aware that intemperanec is the greatest curse upon our people we recommend that we as a church and people take a decided stand against it and heartily join in every effort to establish prohibition.

H. H. Goff,
Committee.

We, the Ordaining Council, submit the following report: We have examined Brothers G. E. Baker and A. J. Butler and find them to be orthodox in the faith and practices of our church, and have set them apart to the full work of the ministry by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Ruffin Johnson,
J. A. Blaylock,
C. A. Jackson,
Ordaining Council.

On motion that the Conference appoint a committee of three to demand of Brother W. A. Jackson our book of records of the Cape Fear Free-will Baptist Conference it was carried, and the following committee appointed: Bros. J. V. Barefoot, C. A. Jackson, J. L. Alphin.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet with the Free Chapel Church in Wayne County on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1916.

C. A. Jackson, *Moderator.*

P. H. Highsmith, *Clerk (pro tem).*

PASTORS' REPORTS FOR 1915.

Ministers.	Churches Served.	Members Received.	Sermons Preached.	Days in Revivals.	Deacons Ordained.	Funerals Preached.	Sunday-school Lectures.	Married.	Mission Points Served.	Sunday-schools Organized.	Amount Received.
Blaylock, J. A.	4	15	140	38	----	6	----	2	--	----	$250.00
Butler, J. D.	----	----	26	5	----	1	----	----	1	----	26.43
Goff, H. H.	----	----	375	300	----	1	4	1	----	2	510.00
Hare, W. B.	----	----	247	145	----	4	----	1	----	----	190.82
Jernigan, H. W. (sickness)	----	----	5	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	------
Johnson, J. Ruffin	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Johnson, C. S.	4	36	105	22	----	13	----	9	----	----	236.00
Jackson, C. A.	3	35	----	30	1	12	2	6	----	----	120.37
Pope, G. A.	2	32	80	40	4	6	3	9	3	1	122.35
Pope, Hannibal	----	----	60	20	1	----	----	1	----	----	1.50
Strickland, Robert	2	7	50	10	----	----	----	3	----	----	25.00
Strickland, W. B.	3	15	150	30	1	5	----	3	1	----	150.00
Summerlin, H. J.	1	1	35	8	----	----	----	----	----	----	13.50

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1915.

	For Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Paid Pastors.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Value of Church Property.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increase.	Decrease.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Anderson's Creek	$ .50	$---	$---	$14.52	$ ---	$------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34
Benson	.50	---	2.50	76.60	125.00	1000	13	6	2	1	---	10	---	21	48	69
Bizzell's Grove	.50	---	---	5.00	25.00	400	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	23	43
Beasley's Grove	.50	---	---	24.85	5.70	775	3	3	1	---	---	2	---	8	23	31
Collier's Chapel	1.00	---	---	60.00	58.79	1000	3	1	---	---	1	2	---	48	62	110
Dunn	.50	---	---	9.55	-----	------	---	---	2	---	1	---	3	13	24	37
Erwin's Chapel	.75	---	---	61.47	-----	1300	12	9	2	---	1	9	---	24	60	84
Fort Run	1.00	---	---	60.00	16.00	800	5	4	---	---	1	4	---	21	51	72
Free Chapel	.50	---	1.05	49.85	29.20	550	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	20	32
Faro Chapel	---	---	---	-----	-----	------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hodge's Chapel	1.30	---	---	98.55	-----	500	15	11	---	---	2	13	---	136	81	217
Johnson's Chapel	1.00	---	---	41.66	66.00	600	5	3	5	---	2	---	2	22	35	57
Long Branch	1.00	---	---	59.55	-----	1000	15	11	1	---	1	13	---	55	75	130
Lee's Chapel	---	---	---	---	-----	------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lee's Grove	1.00	---	---	50.00	-----	700	7	2	1	3	1	3	---	22	19	41
Mount Zion	.45	---	4.00	29.88	-----	450	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	18	24	42
New Hope	1.50	---	---	60.00	24.00	1000	1	1	1	1	---	---	1	23	32	55
New Zealand	.50	---	1.75	13.50	-----	500	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	17	22	39
Pleasant Grove	1.50	---	---	50.82	24.50	400	12	8	---	---	2	10	---	61	97	158
Piney Grove	1.25	---	---	38.00	12.60	700	9	3	6	1	1	2	---	18	36	54
Plain View	.50	---	---	55.00	12.00	400	---	---	1	---	1	---	2	23	36	59
Red Hill	1.00	---	---	37.00	-----	400	5	3	9	1	1	---	6	15	39	54

Stoney Run	1.50	----	----	50.00	-----	----	21	17	---	---	2	19	---	53	84	137
Savannah Hill	1.10	----	----	66.95	-----	500	---	---	2	1	---	---	3	14	24	38
Tea's Chapel	.75	----	----	12.00	8.00	500	---	---	1	2	---	---	3	7	26	33
Union Springs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wood's Grove	1.50	----	----	83.25	54.23	1200	5	2	---	9	5	---	9	51	124	175
William's Grove	.50	----	----	48.00	-----	750	5	1	1	---	---	4	---	12	16	28
Wright's Chapel	.75	----	----	1.20	-----	-------	10	9	---	3	---	10	---	17	31	48
Owen's Grove	1.00	2.00	2.20	122.00	25.00	575	19	16	---	3	---	16	---	45	67	112
Yelverton's Grove	1.00	----	----	25.00	18.50	600	4	2	---	---	3	1	---	10	22	32

I have received letters from the following:

Churches.	Has Regular Service	Pastor for 1915.
Tea's Chapel	On the first Saturday and Sunday	G. A. Pope.
Red Hill	On the second Saturday and Sunday	G. A. Pope.
Lee's Grove	On the third Saturday and Sunday	G. A. Pope.
Long Branch	On the fourth Saturday and Sunday	G. A. Pope.
Mt. Zion	On the first Saturday and Sunday	H. W. Jernigan.
Hodge's Chapel	On the fourth Saturday and Sunday	H. W. Jernigan.

Churches.	Clerks.	Postoffice.	Pastor for 1915.
Anderson's Creek	Alex. Ray	Little River Academy	
Benson	J. V. West	Benson	C. S. Johnson.
Bizzell's Grove	Dora Jernigan	Mt. Olive	Robert Strickland.
Beasley's Grove	Laura McLamb	Benson	C. S. Johnson.
Collier's Chapel	E. W. Eason	Linden	J. A. Blaylock.
Dunn	Emma Davis	Dunn	C. A. Jackson.
Erwin's Chapel	W. R. Avery	Duke	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Fort Run	E. F. Phipps	LaGrange	J. A. Smith.
Free Chapel	G. C. Tilton	Goldsboro	Willie Watson.
Faro Chapel			
Hodge's Chapel	J. V. Barefoot	Dunn	C. S. Johnson.
Johnson's Chapel	Delma Hardee	Benson, R. 1, Box 18	W. B. Strickland.
Long Branch	J. C. Pope	Dunn	G. A. Pope.
Lee's Chapel			
Lee's Grove	Carl R. Hodges	Dunn, R. 5	G. A. Pope.
Mt. Zion	Matilda Hare	Cooper	E. W. Price.
New Hope	J. B. Allen	Four Oaks, R. 1	W. B. Strickland.
New Zealand	M. F. Blackman	Bentonsville	H. J. Summerlin.
Owen's Grove	Callie Herring	Clinton, R. 5	J. W. Carter.
Pleasant Grove	N. R. Lucas	Dunn	C. A. Jackson.
Piney Grove	C. M. Moore	Four Oaks	W. B. Strickland.
Plain View	P. H. Highsmith	Keener	J. W. Carter.
Red Hill	H. B. Ryals	Duke	C. S. Johnson.
Stoney Run	Wm. E. Jernigan	Dunn	C. A. Jackson.
Savannah Hill	J. F. Core	Dunn, R. 6	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Tea's Chapel	Virginia Braswell	Pine Level	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Wright's Chapel	Maggie Wright	Wagram	S. B. Norten.
Williams' Grove	A. W. Gregory	Varina	J. A. Blaylock.
Wood's Grove	J. J. Roberts	Goldsboro, R. 5	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Yelverton's Grove	J. C. Jernigan	Smithfield	Robert Strickland.